City of Lafayette Staff Report

To: City Council

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Subject: 2009 Road and Drain Improvement Project-Part A
Award of Contract for Project Number 014-9674

Introduction

The 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Program includes reconstructing the pavement on Victoria Avenue, Victoria Court, Camino Colorados and Hermosa Court. The project also includes the installation of storm drain systems on Victoria Avenue, Victoria Court and Camino Colorados. To improve the structural properties of the road and minimize material costs, the reconstruction process will include pulverizing the existing asphalt road and re-using most of the pulverized material as road base. The City Council allocated $1,122,000 dollars for the design and construction of this project. Staff is seeking City Council action to award the construction contract to the lowest bidder, in the amount of $775,644.00.

Discussion

The City received fourteen bids for this project. The low bid is $184,356, 19.8% lower than the engineer's estimate, and within 5% of the next lowest bidder. Ten of the fourteen bidders were lower than the engineer's estimate. The lowest five bids and the highest bid are listed below:

Contractor	**Bid**
1. Grade Tech, Inc	$745,644.00
2. Ghilotti Bros., Inc	$777,581.65
3. North Bay Construction	$783,146.45
4. Fanfa, Inc	$835,230.30
5. Bay Cities Paving and Grading	$845,297.55
Engineer's Estimate	**$930,000.00**
14. J.A. Gonsalves and Son	$1,147,312.00

Budget Status

2008/2009 Allocation	$	1,122,000
Expected Reimbursement from Utility Companies For Coordinated Work	$	9,000
Expected Reimbursement from Property Owners for Repair of Frontage Improvements (Curb Gutter and Sidewalk)	$	8,000
Design	< $	74,600 >
Bidding	< $	2,000 >
Funds Available for Construction	$	1,062,400
Low Bid	< $	745,650 >
Construction Contingency (10%)	< $	75,000 >
Construction Surveying and Testing	< $	20,000 >
Construction Inspection	< $	12,000 >
Projected Surplus	$	209,750

Fiscal Impact:

The low bid is within the project budget, and no additional fund allocation is needed.

Staff will be soliciting bids for several more projects in the 2009 CIP over the next month, and we expect additional budget savings from those projects if the current bid environment holds. Once the cumulative savings are know staff will return to the City Council, as part of the municipal budget process, with proposals for additional project options to be implemented with the surplus.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt the project plans, specifications, and project details to conform to the Uniform Construction Accounting Act.

2. Award 2009 Road and Drain Improvement Project, Part A, construction contract to Grade Tech, Inc. in the amount of $745,644.